

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 1774

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, ET, IS, SREF  
SUBJECT: DEFECTION OF ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADORS

REFS: (A) STATE 48415, (B) LAGOS 2521, (C) ADDIS ABABA 1356,  
(D) STATE 48913

1. AN ARTICLE IN THE MARCH 11 JERUSALEM POST, ATTRIBUTED TO THE LOS ANGELES TIMES AND UPI, REPORTED THAT ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADORS TO EGYPT AND GREECE HAVE RESIGNED AND REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM. THE ARTICLE REPORTS THAT A GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED IN ATHENS THAT AMBASSADOR KEBEDE GABRE WOLDE HAS BEEN GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN GREECE. IT GOES ON TO STATE THAT THE ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT GETACHEW MEKASHA HAS ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION AND STATED HE WOULD SEEK POLITICAL ASYLUM IN THE U.S., WHERE HE HOPES TO SETTLE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND FINISH WRITING A BOOK ON ETHIOPIA.

2. WITHOUT MENTIONING REPORTS CONCERNING EITHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA, YOFTAHE DINETROS, WE COMMENTED  
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TO MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS (BEIN)  
MARCH 10 THAT INDICATIONS ARE THAT A NUMBER OF ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADORS INTEND TO RESIGN. BEIN SAID HE HAD HEARD SIMILAR REPORTS BUT DID NOT RISE TO THE BAIT NOR MENTION ANY SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS (SUCH AS DIMETROS).  
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